

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus having an emergency alert function, comprising:
tuning means for tuning signals including emergency alert signals associated with said emergency alert function; and
processing means for enabling an auxiliary information display function of said apparatus, which had previously been disabled by a user through a setup process, responsive to said emergency alert signals.
2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said auxiliary information display function includes a closed caption display function.
3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said processing means further enables an alert output using said auxiliary information display function responsive to said emergency alert signals.
4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said processing means further disables said user setting for said auxiliary information display function after said alert output is enabled.
5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said processing means further enables display of a default screen responsive to said emergency alert signals.
6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said default screen is a blue screen.
7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein:
said processing means further enables an alert output using said auxiliary information display function responsive to said emergency alert signals; and
said alert output includes a visual message overlaid upon said default screen.

8. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling an apparatus having an emergency alert function, comprising:
tuning signals including emergency alert signals associated with said emergency alert function; and
enabling display of a default screen responsive to said emergency alert signals;
wherein said default screen had previously been disabled by a user through a setup process.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein said default screen is a blue screen.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprised of enabling an alert output responsive to said emergency alert signals, and wherein said alert output includes a visual message overlaid upon said default screen.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprised of enabling a disabled user setting for an auxiliary information display function of said apparatus responsive to said emergency alert signals.
12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said auxiliary information display function includes a closed caption display function.
13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprised of enabling an alert output using said auxiliary information display function responsive to said emergency alert signals.
14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprised of disabling said user setting for said auxiliary information display function after said alert output is enabled.
15. (Previously Presented) A television signal receiver having an emergency alert function, comprising:
a tuner operative to tune signals including emergency alert signals associated with said emergency alert function; and
a processor operative to an auxiliary information display function of said apparatus, which had previously been disabled by a user through a setup process, responsive to said emergency alert signals.

16. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 15, wherein said auxiliary information display function includes a closed caption display function.

17. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 15, wherein said processor is further operative to enable an alert output using said auxiliary information display function responsive to said emergency alert signals.

18. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 17, wherein said processor is further operative to disable said user setting for said auxiliary information display function after said alert output is enabled.

19. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 15, wherein said processor is further operative to enable display of a default screen responsive to said emergency alert signals.

20. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 19, wherein said default screen is a blue screen.

21. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 19, wherein:
said processor is further operative to enable an alert output using said auxiliary
information display function responsive to said emergency alert signals; and
said alert output includes a visual message overlaid upon said default screen.